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1. 7 April 1948. Factory at Bohuslavice

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The reasons for identifying the installation at Bohuslavice as a Russian V-2 factory are as follows:

a. [redacted] some Deutz 300 h.p. Diesels were being disposed of as former German property by the National Fonds, the body in Prague concerned with such transactions.

b. At the plant [redacted] the guards (who were also Czechs and were armed with sub-machine guns) [redacted] had been told that V-2's were being made there. They were told [redacted] that they would not have been able to enter the enclosure under any circumstances if the Commissar had not been away that day, since the latter was a Russian and security was very strict. [redacted] the factory was making parts only and that there was no final assembly. Rate of production, names or nationalities of staffs, and destination of the parts produced were not ascertainable. 50X1-HUM

(Comment: Presumably this is the factory at Bohuslavice na Vlari, P50/040, near the eastern border of Moravia, [redacted])

2. 16 April 1948. Underground Factory near Litomerice (Leitmeritz, N51/E53, about 55 km. NNW of Prague)

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The Russians [redacted] have been engaged recently in enlarging and modernizing an underground factory situated in the caves of a hill between the two small villages of Michalovice and Zalhostice, both located within the bend of the Elbe River about 5 km. W of Litomerice. An area of about 5 km. around the factory has been isolated, and military patrols are posted on the roads leading into it. The factory is stated to be producing armaments but no further details are available at the moment. 50X1-HUM

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~3. 11 May 1948. Skoda Factory at Dubnica nad Vahom

The greater part of the Skoda factory at Dubnica nad Vahom (P49/T69, 14 Km. NE of Trencin, Slovakia) is underground, the distance between ceiling and surface being approximately five meters of earth and concrete. The factory was severely damaged by the Germans at the end of the war when they exploded underground a number of railroad cars filled with explosives. Production has been resumed, however, and is now at about 60% of capacity. Full capacity is expected to be attained in June-July 1948. The factory employs 25,000 workers and produces war materials of all types.

4. 13 April 1948. Metallurgical and Engineering Works National Corporation.

the Skoda Works, Zbrojovka, and Studanka all form part of the Metallurgical and Engineering Works National Corporation. The 50X1-HUM Studanka factory used to be a Tatra concern and is now mainly engaged in the production of rolling stock, buses, and streetcars.

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